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RABAT FOR ASST SECRETARY SISCO

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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO MIDDLE EAST TRIP

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1. WHILE SPAIN NOT NATO MEMBER, BECAUSE OF PRESENCE OF US BASES HERE, ITS ATTITUDE AND REACTIONS TOWARD US ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST WAR PARALLELS THAT OF MAJOR WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES. SPANISH ALSO CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT THEIR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ARABS HAS ENABLED THEM TO REPRESENT US INTEREST EFFECTIVELY IN SOME ARAB COUNTRIES AND GIVES THEM ADDITIONAL INFLUENCE THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN CURRENT SEARCH FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE.

2. WITH THIS IN MIND, I STRONGLY URGE ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO TO INCLUDE STOP AT MADRID TO BRIEF SPANISH ON SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS.

3. BRIEFING WOULD BE WELL APPRECIATED GESTURE OF RECOGNITION FOR SPAIN'S SPECIAL ARAB TIES AND FOR ITS CONTINUED ASSISTANCE IN REPRESENTING US INTERESTS. MOREOVER, I

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BELIEVE CLEAR EXPOSITION TO SPANISH OF US POLICY AT THIS

TIME CAN DO MUCH TO GAIN THEIR SUPPORT. SINCE CEASEFIRE,
FOREIGN MINISTER HAS DISPLAYED GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF US
OBJECTIVES DURING WAR AND THEIR RELATION TO EAST-WEST BALANCE.
I AM CONVINCED FIRSTHAND DISCUSSIONS OF CURRENT POLICY BY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO AT FOREIGN MINISTRY HIGHLY
LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE THIS HOPEFUL TREND.
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